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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 26, 1998

APPLICATION OF

ACME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980127

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 21, 1998, Acme Telephone Company, Inc. ("Acme" or "the Company") filed a request to extend certain dates set in the State Corporation Commission's ("Commission's") Orders of September 29 and October 2, 1998, setting forth the procedural schedule for this case. Specifically, Acme requests an extension of (i) the date by which the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") must file its direct testimony and exhibits; (ii) the date by which Acme must file its rebuttal testimony and exhibits, and (iii) the date of the hearing in this matter.¹

Acme states that the extension of the procedural schedule is necessary because circumstances have developed which require

¹ The Company states that, as required by the Commission's Orders, Acme already has advertised the November 24, 1998 hearing date in newspapers having general circulation throughout Acme's proposed service territory. Acme notes that the Commission still can hold a hearing on this date to hear public witnesses who appear pursuant to the newspaper notice, but requests that the other portions of the hearing be postponed indefinitely.

the Company to reevaluate its business plans for providing local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services. This reevaluation includes the possibility that Acme will sell its business to another entity. Acme notes that no parties will be prejudiced by such an extension of the procedural schedule, nor does Staff oppose such an extension.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion that Acme's request is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Acme's request for an extension of the procedural schedule in this case be, and hereby is, granted. The dates for the filing of Staff's direct testimony and exhibits, for the filing of Acme's rebuttal testimony, and for the hearing at which testimony will be offered hereby are extended indefinitely.

(2) A hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on Acme's application for a certificate to provide local exchange service shall remain scheduled for November 24, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. If substantive objections to Acme's application for a certificate to provide interexchange services are received on or

before October 23, 1998, the Commission also will hear public comments on this issue at the November 24, 1998 hearing.

(3) This matter be continued generally subject to the continued review, audit, and appropriate directive of the Commission.